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STUDY ON RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) has made any study on the Rural Infrastructure in India;

(b) if so, whether the Government has received report of NCAER;

(c) if so, the details of the main recommendations made therein; and

(d) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on rural progress plan in the country ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) The National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) has conducted a study on Rural Infrastructure in India, sponsored by Sir Ratan Tata Foundation during 1999.

(b) The repor t has been received by the Government in late of Oct 2006.

(c) Besides the sectoral recommendations, the report recommended new approaches through promoting local initiatives, offering micro finance to build demand, encouraging private providers, decentralizing regulation, decentralizing fiscal authority and targeting subsidies.

(d) Total estimated investment needed for full coverage in the sectors of Telecommunication Power, Roads and Transport, Water and Sanitation is Rs. 1583.13 billion at 2002-03 prices.